

# St. Peter's Academy - Newsletter

## Beech Class.

### Staff:

Mrs Gilbey – Beech Class Teacher  
Additional support – Mrs Smith.

Date: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025



### General news:

It's March and there is a definite feeling of Spring in the air especially with the noticeably lighter mornings and evenings. Thank you for returning the parents' evening slips so swiftly. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, I am happy to make alternative arrangements to see you after school on a different day if you are unable to make the two dates (or alternatively a phone call). Please let me know if you would prefer this.

We had a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day yesterday – there were some fantastic costumes and photos are now on my class page.

### This week's other learning:

- Maths – as well as keeping times tables ticking along, we have now moved on to a new unit of work – finding the perimeter of a range of different shapes. I think they are pleased to be focusing on a completely different area of maths for a few weeks before we return to fractions, decimals and percentages!
- English – The children have continued to be enthusiastic about our T+V unit on suspense stories. Having spent time on organising the structure of a typical suspense story, the children have written paragraphs of their own using a toolkit to help improve their work. From this, we will plan and write our hot write next week!
- R.E. – We have continued to enjoy learning about the Hindu faith and the focus this week has been based around the importance of the Ahimsa. From this, the children designed posters to advocate animal care, inspired by Ahimsa.
- Art – This week, the children have enjoyed experimenting with charcoal and have produced some stunning pieces!
- Geography – We have been continuing to discuss the positive and negative impact of modern-day farming as well as finding out a bit more about a typical day for a farmer in the UK.
- IT – the children are continuing to enjoy the opportunity to design and play their own 3D games.
- World Book Day activities.

### Beech Class homework:

- Reading – children should aim to read at least 3 times a week and this can be recorded in the reading section of the school diary. For children to gain 'points' towards their bronze, silver, gold and platinum bookmarks, all reading must be signed by an adult by the Friday of each week.
- Spellings – Your child will have a list of spellings in their diary to learn ready for either a test or dictation sentences next Friday. As an extension, encourage your child to write their own definition for each word and/or write sentences to include each word.
- Maths – Please revise all times tables thoroughly for a quick-fire speed test next Friday. This will now be a weekly requirement as part of homework to increase speed of recall.
- Please complete and return the activities based around current learning for both Maths and English – activities to reinforce our knowledge of perimeter and some tasks on the correct use of a semi-colon.
- Capital cities to learn for next Friday: Croatia, Nigeria, Tunisia
- Mrs Gilbey's retrieval questions: – tell someone in your family!
- What can you remember about Ahimsa?
- Can you remember some positive and negative impacts of modern-day farming?

### Key dates coming up:

Please refer to the weekly at a glance and headteacher newsletters for these, as linked below.

[Headteacher Newsletter](#)

[Weekly at a glance](#)

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Mrs Gilbey 😊